

1.-26. (CANCELED)

27. (NEW) A method of anchoring a fitting to a base member of mineral composition, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a cylindrical cavity in the base member to open from a surface of the base member,

providing a cylindrical plug-element of the mineral composition, the plug-element having a diameter and thickness substantially the same as the diameter and depth respectively of the cavity and having an axial bore therethrough,

providing a fitting having a base and a threaded portion upstanding from the base,

inserting the fitting into the plug-element with its threaded portion extending lengthwise of the bore and its base engaged in a recess in the underside of the plug-element for precluding movement of the fitting relative to the plug-element, and

after the fitting has been inserted into the plug-element as aforesaid, entering the plug-element into the cavity for close-fit retention therein by adhesive film with the top of the plug-element substantially flush with said surface and the fitting trapped therein.

28. (NEW) The method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of forming the threaded portion of the fitting as an internally-threaded tubular portion.

29. (NEW) The method according to claim 28, further comprising the step of extending the tubular portion the length of the bore so as to open at said surface of the base member.

30. (NEW) The method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of forming the base of the fitting as an elongate configuration and forming the recess as a substantially conformal configuration for restraining the fitting from turning relative to the plug-element.

31. (NEW) The method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of supplying adhesive in the cavity before the step of entering the plug-element into the cavity and dispersing surplus adhesive from the cavity via channels in the plug-element.

32. (NEW) A fitting anchored to a base member of mineral composition, wherein the fitting has a base and a threaded portion upstanding from the base, the

base member has a surface and a cylindrical cavity that opens from the surface of the base member, the cylindrical cavity has a diameter and a depth, a cylindrical plug-element of the mineral composition is located within the cylindrical cavity, the cylindrical plug-element having a top and an underside and having a diameter and a depth substantially the same as the diameter and depth respectively of the cylindrical cavity for close-fit location within the cylindrical cavity with the top of the plug-element substantially flush with the surface of the base member, adhesive film within the cylindrical cavity for retaining the cylindrical plug-element within the cylindrical cavity with the top of the cylindrical plug-element substantially flush with the surface of the base member, there is a cavity in the underside of the cylindrical plug-element, and wherein the fitting is trapped in the cylindrical cavity with its threaded portion extending lengthwise of the axial bore through the plug-element and its base engaged in the recess in the underside of the plug-element for precluding movement of the fitting relative to the plug-element.

33. (NEW) The fitting anchored to a base member of mineral composition, according to claim 32, wherein the threaded portion of the fitting is an internally-threaded tubular portion.

34. (NEW) The fitting anchored to a base member of mineral composition, according to claim 33, wherein the tubular portion extends the length of the axial bore to open at said surface of the base member.

35. (NEW) The fitting anchored to a base member of mineral composition, according to claim 34, wherein the base of the fitting is of an elongate configuration and the recess in the underside of the cylindrical plug-element has a configuration conformal with the elongate configuration of the base of the fitting for restraining the fitting from turning relative to the cylindrical plug-element.

36. (NEW) The fitting anchored to a base member of mineral composition, according to claim 32, wherein the cylindrical plug-element has channels therein for dispersing adhesive from the cavity.